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TO : Assistant Director for Operations  
FROM : Chief, Foreign Documents Branch  
SUBJECT: Classification of "Periodical Abstracts"

DATE: 6 May 1948

1. This branch is now preparing the "Bibliography of Russian Periodicals" which will be issued in an unclassified status. This publication will give the table of contents of selected periodicals available on subscription to the American Embassy, Moscow.

2. "Periodical Abstracts", which will be issued later, will then contain abstracts of selected articles of intelligence interest from the above list plus abstracts of similar articles from other periodicals available only to the intelligence agencies.

3. Accordingly, to protect source material, it is recommended that the classification of "Periodical Abstracts" be raised from "Restricted" to "Confidential" and that Library of Congress be stricken from the distribution list.



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